

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

November 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 am by Chairman Lee Buckingham at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Lee Buckingham, Joyce Silva, April Maynard, Mike Holmes, Tim Grayson, Terri Goodman, and Judi Lardner. Absent was: Rob Turner.

A quorum was established and the October 9th minutes approved as written.

Public Comment: Joyce announced an upcoming event at the First Congregational Church – a holiday craft fair on December 1st.

Public Art Loan Program: Lee announced that Jennifer Johnson Riley has agreed to place her sculpture, *Travels in Tranquility*, in the garden being developed by the Forgotten Soldier program on Lincoln Way. A discussion ensued about the formal approval process for murals in the City.

Streetscape project: Lee said that the Streetscape committee continues its work on street names and commemorative tiles. Mike said that he hopes the committee will clarify the entire commemorative tile process (including potential locations, number of remaining tiles to be placed, application process, etc.).

Mural Projects: April said that she recently talked to Juan Peña about doing some minor updates to the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural. There apparently was some misunderstanding about what he had agreed to do. He said he would be interested in helping with the mural if grant money were found to pay for the work. April will continue researching options for sealing the mural.

City Hall Gallery: Tim raised the issue of inadequate lighting in the gallery. He believes that the AAC should assess the current situation and create a plan for better lighting and display areas. Tim proposed using some money from the *Auburn in Winter* budget to purchase a few additional fixtures for the existing tracks. A discussion followed about costs and the ease of finding matching fixtures. Lee will talk to someone at Norris Electric about adding fixtures. April asked whether the existing display case could be repaired and put back into use. Mike said he would look into it.

Public Art Catalog and Database: Tim said he has had a delay in further developing the database.

Guide to Public Art Brochure: Tim said that in the past there was a formal process for distributing brochures throughout town. He suggested that the AAC decide whether it would like to follow the old process, which involved AAC members being responsible for distributing the brochures, or whether we should create a new process. Mike suggested giving a box of brochures to Jan Decker at the Placer County Visitors Bureau. He thought that the Visitors Bureau could distribute the brochures to appropriate locations. Terri volunteered to drop off some brochures.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Mike said that the new roof is complete. The center is now looking at cost estimates for various improvements. They are also working on a NEA grant application to fund a detailed plan for future improvements and modifications.

Airport Monument: Mike said that a fundraiser was held on November 11th and that some major contributions are being actively pursued.

Juried Art Show in December “Auburn in Winter”: There was a general discussion about publicity and whether the show’s budget would allow for paid advertising. Mike thought it would be permissible to use budgeted money for that purpose. Judi said she would send out an email notice to all of the artists who participated in the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge juried show. The question of the prize money to be awarded was raised. April announced that Elizabeth Townsend will be playing at the artists’ reception.

Logo Request and Commission report of projects over past year to City Council: Lee said that he would be presenting information at the next City Council meeting.

Selection of New Commission Member: There was a discussion about the number of “professional artists” required to be on the AAC. April moved that Terri’s position be reclassified as “Professional Artist” instead of “Member at Large.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. After a discussion about Hillary Grenier’s application for the vacancy on the AAC, April moved to appoint her to the vacant “Member at Large” position. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Next Art Contest Theme: It was the general consensus that the next art contest will focus on historical buildings. Details will be established at an upcoming meeting.

The next regular meeting will be on December 11, 2012 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary